



University of Alberta Students' Union  
**SUSTAINABILITY  
 COMMITTEE(SUSC)**

**September 27, 2022  
 2:00 PM  
 SUB 6-06/ Zoom**

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwacîswâskahikan (Beaver Hills House), on Treaty 6 territory. From time immemorial, the banks along the river valley have been known as the Pehonan, a meeting place for the nêhiyawak (Cree), the Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dënesųłiné (Dene), Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and others. The University, the Students' Union and much of the city are located on the unlawfully stolen land of the forcibly removed Papaschase Cree.

We acknowledge that sharing this land gives each of us the responsibility to research the historic contexts of Treaty 6, to reflect on our personal relationships to the land, the Nations we've named, and to our roles in upholding justice on this territory. Since they began, the Students' Union and the University have benefited from historic and ongoing dispossession of land and resources from Indigenous Peoples. As a result, it is our responsibility to seek the restitution of this land and its resources. Finally, we seek to do better by working to make our learning, research, and governance align with the histories, languages, teachings, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples in the land presently occupied by the Canadian state.

We encourage critical reflection by asking the following question. In relation to the territory on which you are situated, what role do you play in strengthening the resistance and resurgence of Indigenous students within your communities?

**ATTENDANCE**

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Milan Regmi		Y
Brett Friesen		Y
Pien Steinbusch		Y
Julia Villosio		Y
Megan Jones (Non-Voting Member)		Y
Mackenzie Burnstick		N
Daniela Carbajal Velez		N
Jetro Dano		N/A
Navjot Kaur		N/A

## **MINUTES (SUSC-2022-01-M)**

### **2022-01/1                    INTRODUCTION**

#### **2022-01/1a                 Call to Order**

REGMI called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM

#### **2022-01/1b                 Approval of Agenda**

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#### **2022-01/1c                 Approval of Minutes**

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#### **2022-01/1d                 Chair's Business**

REGMI: Mentions that 3 new members were successfully nominated by the Nomination Committee.

Adds that he will resign as an Arts Councilor and rerun as an Education Councilor. Will look into having an interim Chair by appointment for the next meeting.

### **2022-01/2                    QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD**

### **2022-01/3                    COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

#### **2022-01/3a                 Appointment of Temporary Chair**

PEIN is appointed by REGMI as temporary Chair for the October 11, 2022 meeting by recommendation- accepted.

VILLOSO: Recommends cancelling the next meeting on October 11, 2022-unanimously accepted by the committee.

#### **2022-01/3b                 Change to Meeting Time**

REGMI: Discusses new meeting time will be discussed once the new members are officially able to attend the committee meeting.

#### **2022-01/3c                 Recommendations from Last Year for Review**

REGMI: Discusses recommendations from last year's Sustainability Committee including Economic Sustainability, Social Sustainability and Environmental Sustainability.

Adds that the drafts on these recommendations are approved for consultation purposes already.

Mentions that the goal is to have these recommendations reviewed by the committee and will assign members sections for review. Once done, the consultation process can go forward.

The committee discusses the timeline of the consultation process.

REGMI: Recommends doing the initial review by mid-November and starting the consultations by January.

**2022-01/3d**

### **Consultation Schedule Review**

The committee discusses the Consultation Sign-Up sheet document from the previous year's consultation plan.

**2022-01/3e**

### **Committee Future- Changing Status of Committee to permanent**

REGMI: Mentions that his goal is to make the Sustainability Committee a permanent committee.

VILLOSO: Raises concerns on the functions the committee will hold once it becomes permanent.

Recommends completing the committee mandate for now and that further conversation on the committee's future can be discussed thereafter.

Mentions that once the specific mandate is accomplished, the committee will be disbanded. As a permanent committee, the Sustainability committee will need to have its own separate chair, mandate and set of standing orders and be approved by Students' Council through a proposal.

**2022-01/3f**

### **Development of Sustainability Strategic Plan (Long-Term Project)**

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**2022-01/4**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**2022-01/4a**

Next Meeting: October 11th, 2022 at 2:00 P.M in SUB 6-06/Zoom.

REGMI adjourns the meeting at 2:59 PM